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In re application of:

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Petition to Suspend Sequence Rules

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

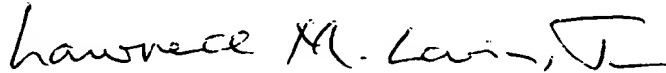
Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.183 and M.P.E.P. § 1002.02(c)(2), for a suspension of the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.821 in the above-identified application. In particular, Applicants request suspension of the non-statutory requirement for a paper copy of the Sequence Listing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(c), and further request that the computer-readable form of the Sequence Listing filed in this application be considered as the official Sequence Listing.

The Sequence Listing in this application is extremely large, and in paper form would be over 1000 pages in length. The preparation and filing of a paper Sequence Listing of this size would be logistically difficult and costly for Applicant, and the examination thereof by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is presumed to be inconvenient. Granting this Petition to suspend the requirement for a paper copy in this application would not create any undue burden on the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge \$130.00 in payment of the required fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h)) to our Deposit Account No. 13-4125. The U.S. Patent

and Trademark Office is also hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 13-4125. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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